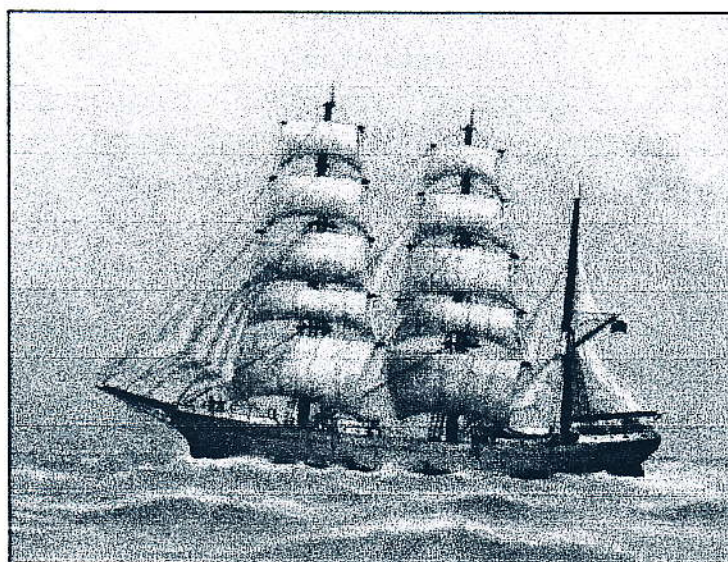


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### **Library and Research Facilities**

Monday 10.am-2pm

Friday 10.am-12Noon

2nd Sunday of the month 2pm-4pm

### **Group Meetings**

2nd Thursday of the month at 10am

Historical Society Museum

McMillan Street

Anglesea 3230

**New Members and visitors most welcome.**

### **Web Site Historical Society**

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## Members Story

Our thanks to Neil McDonald for providing this story relating to his family history.

### Emigration of McDonald Family

Donald McDonald (38), and Margaret Matheson (33), with their sons Angus (7), John (3 ) and Hugh (18 months), emigrated from Skye in 1852 as part of the Highland and Islands Emigration Society scheme. Margaret was 7 months pregnant. They lived on the estate of Lord Macdonald at Kylerhea in the Parish of Sleat. The 1851 census shows Donald as Cottar but the H.I.E.S. List says "Has had no work for 12 months, very poor family". They were accompanied by Donald's sister Catherine (20), of whom it is said "left service to emigrate". They were also required to sign a Promissory Note for 11 Pounds fifteen shillings and seven-pence.

H.M.S. "Hercules" was chartered for the voyage. It was originally launched as a battleship in 1815 but being too late for the wars against France, and after several refits, was converted to carry emigrants in 1852. The ship arrived in the Port of Campbeltown on 20th Nov. 1852, under the command of Captain David Baynton R.N. The steamship "Celt" was engaged to ferry passengers from the Isles of Skye, Harris and North Uist to Campeltown. Passengers from Sleat were picked up on 15th Dec. and after departing Armadale on the 16th were transhipped to the Hercules on the 17th and departed Campbeltown on 26th Dec. 1852 for Cork to pick up water and mail.

The voyage ran into trouble right from the start. Extremely heavy seas forced them to turn north and they took refuge from the storms in Rothesay from 30th Dec. until finally sailing on 16th Jan. 1853.

Smallpox broke out on board during the four days it took to reach Cork in mountainous seas. The ship's anchor was lowered in Queenstown Harbour on the 20th and the next morning the yellow flag, denoting a state of quarantine, was hoisted. Typhus and Smallpox was raging on board, the first death occurred on the 23rd and arrangements were made for patients to be admitted to Haulbowline Naval Hospital and a hulk being used as a hospital ship.

On 26th Feb. Margaret McDonald was admitted to Haulbowline Hospital with her 2 week old child who died of Variola (Smallpox) on the 7th March. It is recorded that it cost 5 shillings to bury the child, this would have been a large sum to a desperately poor family who were already deeply in debt.

The Hercules finally departed Cork Harbour on 14th April with only 380 of the original 756 passengers on board. Of the remainder 54 died, 17 are believed to have returned home (including Donald's sister Catherine) and 305 who were still convalescing were picked up later by other ships.

The McDonald family were among 35 who completed their voyage on the "Charles" which departed Liverpool on 21st June and arrived in Melbourne on 3rd Oct. 1853.

The shipping list of the Charles shows the McDonalds were required to work for Mr. McDonald of Salt Water River (Maribyrnong) for a period of 6 months for the sum of 70 Pounds with keep. They apparently made their way to Geelong after completing the contract, as their first daughter Isabella was born at Barrabool Hills on 6th June 1855.

Little is known of their life in Geelong but Donald died in Clarendon St. Chilwell on 6th May 1860 from "Continuous Fever 6 months, Disease of the Liver, Pneumonia and inflammation of the Diaphragm". In addition his wife apparently left him, so it seems the rigour of the voyage had taken its toll, and he did not prosper in Australia. Of the rest of the family only Angus is known to have married and had nine children from his first marriage to Jessie Buchanan and two from his marriage to Priscilla Griffin.

### Future Meetings

- September - Improving your Filing Systems**
- October - Annual General Meeting  
Guest Speaker – Jan Morris who will speak on  
the history of the Bark Hut.**
- November - Old Photographs – Lindsay Braden will speak  
about the old photos of the area.**
- December - Christmas break up Party.**

## **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 11th October 2001 (See Notice of Meeting below).

Nominations are required for up to eight members of the Committee and will include the positions of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Journal Editor, Librarian and Record Keeper.

If you would like to join the Committee for the coming year, you should complete the nomination for Office Form and return it to Majorie Hanson Acting Secretary before 5th October 2001.

Please contact - Pat Hughes (Telephone 52 896686)

or

Marjorie Hanson (Telephone 52 631998)

if you would like to know more information about the Committee and its activities.

## **ANGLESEA FAMILY HISTORY GROUP**

**Notice of the 2nd Annual General Meeting of the Anglesea Family History Group to be held at the Historical Society and Family History Club Rooms, McMillan Street, Anglesea on Thursday 11th October 2001 at 10 a.m.**

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Confirmation of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.**
- 2. Report on the Year by the Chairperson.**
- 3. Receive and accept the Financial Statements for the 12 months ended 30th September, 2001.**
- 4. To elect all Office Bearers & Members of the Committee.**

### Family & Local History Exposition:

A Family & Local History Exposition will be held in Ballarat on Saturday and Sunday 27/28th October 2001.

The Exposition will be open between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day.

Experts from Victoria's Central Highlands, Melbourne & Country Victoria, will be in attendance.

Cable (instant) Internet, and Computer facilities will be available to those interested.

Musical entertainment, food.

Off-street car parking – available.

Entrance – \$5.00.

More details are available at web site:

<http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au>

### Visit to National Archives and/or State Library:

On Thursday 18th October, 2001 we are visiting the National Archives and/or the State Library in Melbourne.

At 11 a.m. Ann Piggott will speak to the group about the facilities at the National Archives and the Public Records Office.

If you are interested in participating in the visit, please advise Pat Hughes or Fred Bartlett by the 11th October 2001 so that transport can be arranged.

### Colac Family History Seminar:

**When:** 13th October 2001. 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

**Where:** St Mary's Reception Centre  
Calvert Street, Colac.

**Cost:** \$15 per person which covers Seminar, Lunch, Morning & Afternoon Teas.

For more information or to book for the Seminar

**Phone:** Mrs M Veale 52 321169 or  
Mrs K Gatty 52 313904

### Are You Addicted to Genealogy?

When you are in a different city do you look through the phone book to find people that have the same surname as an ancestor?

Do you get excited when you drive by a cemetery?

Do you talk about your deceased ancestors as though they were still alive?

Do you check the obituaries every day?

Does your librarian or the person that works at the archives know your whole life story?

Does your spouse call the library to see when you are coming home?

Do you spend your vacation tracking down ancestors in country courthouses?

Do you keep pictures of tombstones or long deceased ancestors in your wallet?

Can you remember the date an ancestor died but can't remember to feed your pets?

**If you said Yes to one or more of these – you are addicted!!**

Our thanks go to Betty Vanderstoel for providing this story for our Newsletter.

## DROWNED AT SEA

My Great Great Grandfather John Stevenson (a 1820 Radical) came to Australia from Scotland in 1853 with a grown up family of 5 children aged between 13 and 21. They settled in Maldon, a gold mining town in Central Victoria. His son married a Scottish woman Margaret Gray in Maldon and they had 5 children, one of whom was Margaret Thom Stevenson (named after her Grandmother in Scotland) and she was called Maggie.

The following was taken from the Melbourne Argus in March 1886:

Captain Nightingale of the s.s "Glanworth" which arrived on Thursday from the north, reports that at 6.40 p.m. last evening when the vessel was 7 miles west of the Break Sea spit, a salon passenger named Margaret Stevenson, aged 22 years, threw herself overboard. A life buoy was thrown close to where she disappeared and a seaman named James Coutts, sprang overboard to her rescue, but she was not seen to rise again. The vessel at once stopped, a boat was lowered and a search made for half an hour, but it was fruitless.

Miss Stevenson who appeared to have been ill with fever for some time, was evidently suffering from mental depression, and from subsequent information it would appear she was not right in her mind. When she went on board she was returning to her parents in Melbourne accompanied by a friend, Mrs Lang of Charters Towers where she had been on a visit.

Several of the saloon passengers and some of the ship's officers saw her jump overboard but were not close enough to prevent her. A presentation, was afterwards made to James Coutts on behalf of the passengers, officers and crew of a certificate and sum of 14 Pounds in recognition of the courage he displayed in jumping overboard. Coutts has on two occasions saved lives in a similar manner. Miss Stevenson was the daughter of Mr Andrew Stevenson of Peg Leg, Maldon.

